

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A complex of plant sterol and egg yolk lipoprotein.
2. (Original) The complex according to Claim 1, wherein the egg yolk lipoprotein is lipoprotein contained in PLA modified egg yolk, decholesterolized egg yolk or PLA modified decholesterolized egg yolk.
3. (Original) The complex according to Claim 1, wherein the component ratio of plant sterol to egg yolk lipoprotein is 5 to 232 parts by mass of plant sterol per 1 part by mass of egg yolk lipoprotein.
4. (Currently Amended) The complex according to ~~any of Claims 1 through 3~~Claim 1, which is a dried powder.
5. (Currently Amended) A food product containing the complex according to ~~any of Claims 1 through 4~~Claim 1.
6. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing the complex according to ~~any of Claims 1 through 4~~Claim 1, wherein the egg yolk lipoprotein and plant sterol are stirred and mixed in a water-based medium.

7. (Original) The method for manufacturing the complex according to Claim 6, wherein 232 parts by mass or less of plant sterol is used per 1 part by mass of egg yolk lipoprotein.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing a complex according to Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein egg yolk liquid is used as the egg yolk lipoprotein.

9. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing a complex according to Claim 6 ~~or 7~~, wherein a dilute egg yolk liquid is used as the egg yolk lipoprotein.

10. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing a complex according to Claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein 185 parts by mass or less of plant sterol is used per 1 part by mass of egg yolk solids.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for manufacturing a complex according to ~~any one of Claims 6 through 10~~ Claim 6, wherein the mean grain size of the plant sterol is 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.